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11 students lived in illegal home: Officers

Scarborough bust. Bylaw enforcement officers charge trio with illegally housing students near school campuses

From the outside, the suburban home looks like any other on the Scarborough street.

But inside, 11 people lived crammed together paying $500 to $700 per month each for spaces created by subdividing rooms at 1280 Military Trail.

According to Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS) inspectors, there were three bedrooms in the basement, four on the main floor and five on the upper level. There were two kitchens and six washrooms in the roughly 3,000-square foot. home. Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors had been removed and there were several fridges in the kitchens. The living room was divided into two rooms, but a partition wall was removed shortly before the search, inspectors say.

The alterations to the home were conducted without a building permit or other regulatory inspections, say inspectors who entered the home last week after complaints from neighbours.

Inside, inspectors found a sign warning tenants that "if the city of Toronto people get in they will vacate the house."

Today, the owners are facing several charges for allegedly running an illegal rooming house. The house sits across the street from University of Toronto and close to Centennial College's Morningside Avenue campus. Officials believe it was home to foreign students.

Bill Blakes, a manager with MLS's Scarborough district, says while his department doesn't want to see students or anyone else who rents these properties kicked out on the street, his team has concerns about electrical safety, smoke and CO2 detectors and sufficient exits for tenants.

"We're not out to de-house students. That's not the idea. We want to ensure conditions are safe," Blakes says.

"These students don't know their rights. They're thousands of miles from home ... they don't know what they should be getting for their $600 or $700 a month. From what I can see in a lot of these occasions, they're not getting very much," Blakes says.

"Meanwhile some (operator) is making $6,000 or $7,000 a month. Not bad if you own four or five (houses with illegal occupancy)," he adds.

Meera Mahendran, of Gladys Road, is charged with owning/operating the home, a zoning violation. Reached at her home Sunday, Mahendran refused comment.

MLS also slapped Yixuan (Jessica) Wang, an agent with Re/Max Realtron Realty Inc. in Willowdale, with a summons for owning/operating the property. MLS alleges Wang arranged the leases and helped collect rent from students living there.

Wang denies the allegations against her concerning the Military Trail address. She promised to call back and speak further, but didn't.

Kumarasamy Kunanayaham was also charged by MLS under the City of Toronto Act with obstruction for allegedly misleading inspectors.

It's unclear how much illegal housing exists across the city, but one MLS manager says he knows of at least one home under investigation downtown near the Annex believed to be housing as many students as the one on Military Trail.

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Lack of housing

Attendance at U of T's Scarborough campus has grown over the years, but "unfortunately the housing in the area hasn't kept up," City Coun. Ron Moeser notes.

- The campus has 11,107 students, but only 765 beds in its student residence. Adjacent to U of T, Centennial College's Morningside Avenue campus has 3,500 students and no residence.

Fun. singer gets the STORY STRAIGHT

Fun. singer Nate Ruess performs at the 55th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday. Fun.'s catchy anthem We Are Young took the award for best song, and the soon-to-be 31-year-old Ruess had a clever crack ready. "Oh, God. I don't know what I was thinking ... if this is in HD, everyone can see our faces and we are not very young," said Ruess. The band was nominated for six Grammys. More Grammys coverage, page 15; for full results visit metronews.ca CHRISTOPHER POLK/GETTY IMAGES

Gays, trains and polymers

Bank of Canada considered celebrating gay marriage and turban-wearing Mounties on its new plastic bank notes — we got trains and ships instead PAGE 13

Pedestrians to take a stand

A new Toronto advocacy group wants to lobby for a walking-friendly city. Will some consider their efforts as War on the Car II? PAGE 4

Buzz kill

Rudy Gay scores 20 points in Raps' win against the Hornets PAGE 24

M&M'S® SPOKES CANDIES CALL IT QUITS!

Red and Yellow shock fans with resignation letter.

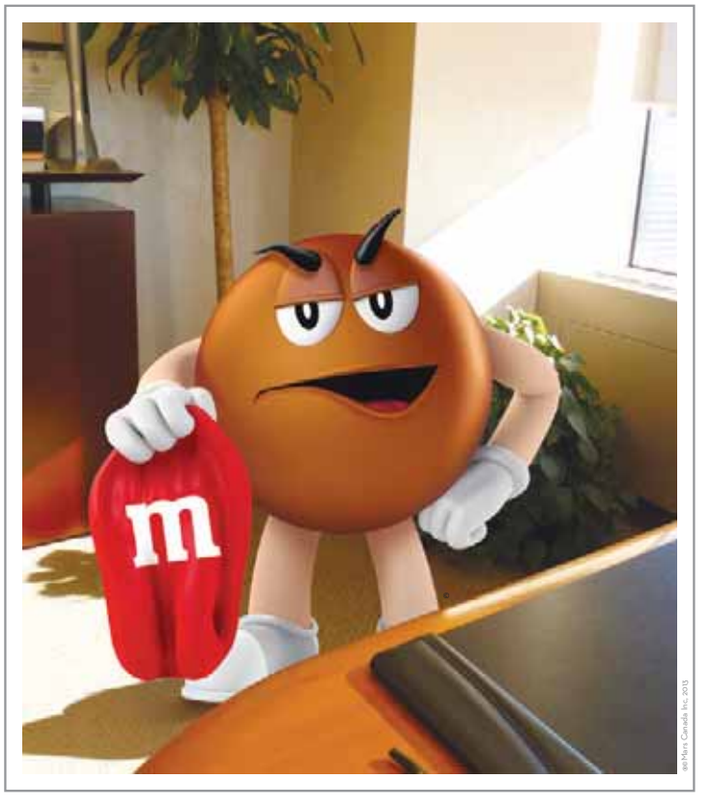
Milk chocolate lovers across the country today are mourning the loss of *M&M'S* iconic spokes candies Red and Yellow, following Tuesday's public announcement that they are hanging up their '*M*'s' and parting ways with the *M&M'S* team immediately to avoid being eaten.

"Those two have been with us for almost 60 years, so it came as a real shock" said *M&M'S* Chief Chocolate Officer Ms Brown, following the leak of Red and Yellow's resignation letter to the press on Friday. "But don't forget – the rest of us *M&M'S* spokes candies deal with the same problem everyday. Worse, I always get people smirking at me because they think I'm naked!" she continued.

The rant-filled resignation letter – which can be read in its entirety on facebook.com/mmscanada and on twitter @mmscanada – is quite abrasive and aggressive, complicating the possibility of any reconciliation. In their letter, the former spokes candies cite their daily fear of being eaten, among other things, as the main reason for resigning – going so far as to blame Canadians for their untamed love of milk chocolate.

Most *M&M'S* fans have been reacting to their departure with disappointment. "I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them" says Craig Brandon, longtime *M&M'S* fan. Others are angry. "What the heck! This is how you thank your fans?" complains Jennifer Machey. And meanwhile, some people seemed confused. "Does this mean they're hiring? My grandson needs a summer job" said a man by the name of 'Bugsy'. As for the other *M&M'S* spokes candies – they wouldn't return our calls.

The departure of Red and Yellow as the mascots of the *M&M'S* brand has sparked speculation as to who will take over leading the corporate image. When asked if the company plans to promote from within or hire outside to fill the role of Red and Yellow, a company PR agent responded,



"I loved Red and Yellow. You can't replace those two. It just won't be the same without them."

Says Craig Brandon, longtime M&M's fan.

"You have to understand the position we're in now. Red and Yellow broke the mold. It's going to be very hard to fill their shoes, and that's not candy-coating it." Reactions on twitter have linked to leaked images of potential mascots sporting colours like Maroon and Sea Foam. The PR agent would not comment on the leaked images at this time.

Red and Yellow have since been spotted roaming around without their iconic '*M*' emblazoned candy shells on.

Perhaps it hasn't yet dawned on them that they are now naked. Whatever the case may be, one thing is for certain – the former *M&M'S* mascots have achieved celebrity status over the years and will surely be missed. Keep following this breaking news story as it unfolds at facebook.com/mmscanada and @mmscanada on twitter.

Snowed under

Long delays create fray at Park'N Fly

Police were called in after tempers flared at Pearson airport's Park'N Fly Sunday, as customers waited hours to get their vehicles.

"There was a whole bunch of people waiting and people were starting to get aggravated so we stood by and kept the peace," said Const. Erin Cooper.

Cooper said a complainant called around 7:30 a.m. to say there were about 200 people waiting to get their vehicles from the valet service and some had been there for seven hours.

Park'N Fly Canada blamed the problems on the weather.

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TTC's wired bird chase

Squawks keep pigeons away

It may sound like pigeons are being tortured inside Bathurst subway station, but they're not.

Those screechy, squawky pigeon distress sounds, which TTC riders and staff are hearing with annoying regularity (every 10 minutes, for two minutes), are coming from a device the transit system has bought for a test run and installed on a wall.

The Bird Chase Super Sonic is made by a U.S.-based company called Bird-B-Gone, which sells a slew of products designed to do what its name says.

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A pigeon sits on a video camera. GETTY IMAGES

Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, left, and Toronto Mayor Rob Ford together on the Ford radio show, talking about arenas and casinos. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayors discuss their complexes

That's entertainment.
Markham mayor plugs proposed arena, Rob Ford pitches casino

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"I'm now calling it the best deal in Canada."

Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti, touting his proposed GTA Centre, a 20,000-seat arena near Kennedy Road and Highway 407

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford and Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti got together Sunday and touted the benefits of entertainment complexes in their cities, one centred on gambling, the other on hockey.

Scarpitti travelled from his city of 310,000 just north of Toronto to join Ford on his weekly Newstalk 1010 radio call-in show and talked up his proposed GTA Centre, a 20,000-seat arena near Kennedy Road and Highway 407.

He is the first mayor Ford has ever had as an in-studio guest on his weekly show.

Scarpitti told reporters before going on air he hopes to have a final council vote in two months on a "memorandum of understanding" nailing down details of the arena deal with private backers and, "if all goes well," shovels in the ground by year's end.

The arena narrowly avoided defeat Jan. 30 when Markham council voted 7-6 against killing a cost-sharing arrangement with GTA Sports and Entertainment and its financial backer, Remington Group.

"I'm now calling it the best deal in Canada," Scarpitti told Ford and guest co-host, Coun. Frances Nunziata (Ward 11, York South-Weston), emphasizing the private sector will pick up more than half the $325 million cost.

He said the proposed private operator, Global Spectrum, recently pledged to cover any operating cost overruns for the next 10 years.

He stressed he's building more than just a hockey arena, but a concert hall too.

Later Ford had another guest, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. CEO Rod Phillips, who sold the benefits of a Toronto casino.

Both Phillips and Ford emphasized it would be more than just a gambling complex.

"Less than 10 per cent of the facility will be gaming floor," Phillips said. "It's hotel, conventions and other retail elements."

On the subject of taxes, Ford also said he wanted to axe 10 per cent of the city's land-transfer tax. "We're going to put something on the table soon. We're going to start knocking it off bit by bit," he said.

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Robert Gontier, left, and Ned Loach, the duo behind 360 Screenings, keep the film and the screening location under wraps until the day before the happening. LIZ BROWN/METRO TORONTO

Really get into a flick

360 Screenings. Interactive theatre craze increasingly popular in Toronto

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Looking for a Valentine's Day activity with a little more oomph than just dinner and a movie?

What about a fully immersive experience where everything — the food, ambiance and activities — are centred around a beloved film?

Toronto company 360 Screenings promises — and delivers — just that.

The brainchild of film and theatre buffs Robert Gontier and Ned Loach, the company sets up the happening at a historic Toronto location — revealed 24 hours before the event — and encourages participants to interact with sets and actors that aim to recreate the feel of the film they are showing, which is also kept secret.

360 Screenings kicked off their offerings last May with a screening of Ghost, held at the Burroughes Building on Queen Street West. Since then, they've held two more: Fight Club at the Fermenting Cellar in the Distillery District and 28 Days Later at the Berkeley Church.

While travelling abroad, Gontier and Loach saw similar events in London, planting the seed for their Toronto idea. "We saw something that was really neat, and decided to adapt the model and make it appropriate for Toronto audiences," says Gontier. "Site-specific theatre is really huge in London and New York City right now, so we combined ideas from both and made a sort of hybrid company."

So far, it's been a hit with Toronto audiences, with each event selling out (Ghost had 100 tickets up for sale, while 28 Days Later had more than 200). On Valentine's Day, they will put on their fourth event.

As usual, Gontier and Loach remain tight-lipped about the screening's details. "It'll be a romantic film that's whimsical," is all Loach offers.

If past events are any indicator, attendees won't be disappointed. At the Fight Club screening, participants were instructed to dress in all black, and makeup artists transformed them into bloody and bruised specimens. Later they were told they were part of Project Mayhem.

And for nibbling? Well, lobster bisque was served (sans Tyler Durden seasoning, of course).

Before we part ways, Gontier and Loach encourage me to throw out my best guess at the film and event location. I offer Drew Barrymore's spin on the Cinderella story — Ever After— to be held at Casa Loma.

There's nervous laughter. "Good guess," says Loach.

'Culture seekers' take note

Tickets for the Valentine's Day event are $60 for regular admission or $30 for a student or "culture seeker" (someone who works in the arts or is under 30). They can be purchased at 360screenings.com.

Pedestrian group hopes to be the voice of feet on the street

Listen up, ye pedestrian masses huddled on the sidewalk, yearning to breathe free.

A new pedestrian advocacy group is struggling to be born, hoping to speak for those that call neither cars nor cycling their main mode of transportation.

The group meets for the first time on Wednesday evening at Metro Hall.

"There's no one speaking for pedestrians in the City of Toronto," said pedestrian activist Dylan Reid in an interview.

The current city council under Mayor Rob Ford may have ended the War on the Car.

But it also axed a long-standing pedestrian committee, made up mostly of citizens, who regularly discussed how to make Toronto a friendlier place to walk.

The members of that committee — Reid was one — were appointed by city council.

The new advocacy group will be an informal, all-volunteer body with no funding from the city.

So why have a group at all, many people may ask.

Reid says pedestrians are confronted by different issues in different areas.

Dylan Reid and other pedestrian advocates plan to set up a new group to lobby for better treatment of pedestrians in Toronto. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Up for discussion

What ideas might the new group consider?

- Lower speed limits in residential areas, says Reid — perhaps 30 km/h — to make it safer for walkers.
- Dangerous intersections are another area for discussion, says Reid. Global News charted the city's 100 most dangerous pedestrian intersections in 2011, he said.

In parts of the downtown core, for example, a city study in 2004 found that 45 per cent of residents walk to work, a number that is under-appreciated by planners.

"I never would have guessed the number would have come back that high," the city's chief of transportation planning acknowledged at the time. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Cadillac Fairview

Ruling on bird deaths expected

A potentially precedent-setting judgment in a case against Cadillac Fairview is expected Monday.

Cadillac Fairview own the Yonge Corporate Centre at 4100, 4110 and 4120 Yonge St. near York Mills, where prosecution has argued that reflective panes of glass mirror the sky, creating a "fatal illusion" that

Cadillac Fairview building TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

makes the birds think they have a clear flight path.

Cadillac Fairview faces three charges under the federal Species at Risk Act, the Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Muzik nightclub

SIU investigates shooting

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating an early-morning shooting in downtown Toronto.

The SIU says police officers heard gunshots and saw a car taking off outside Muzik nightclub. The agency says police tried to stop the car, but when that failed, the officers opened fire. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Digging out after the storm

Dangerous weather. At least 11 deaths in the U.S. and four in Canada were blamed on the snowstorm

About 310,000 homes and businesses remained without power Sunday as the U.S. Northeast and Canada dug out from a blizzard that dumped up to a metre of snow on the most densely populated part of the region. The death toll was at 15.

Some motorists had to be rescued after spending hours stuck in wet, heavy snow. Utilities in some hard-hit New England states predicted that the storm could leave some customers in the dark at least until Monday.

"We've never seen anything like this," said county official Steven Bellone of New York's Long Island, where hundreds of drivers had been caught on highways by Friday's fast-moving storm. Local police said Sunday that all known abandoned cars were searched and no one needing medical help was found.

At least 11 deaths in the U.S. and four in Canada were blamed on the snowstorm, including an 11-year-old boy in Boston who was overcome by carbon monoxide as he sat in a running car to keep warm while his father shovelled Saturday morning.

Roads were impassable, and cars were entombed by snow drifts. Some people couldn't open the doors of their homes.

Blowing with hurricane-force winds, the storm hit hard along the heavily populated corridor between New York City and Maine.

Heavy stuff

"It's like lifting cement."
Michael Levesque, who was shovelling snow in Massachusetts.

New York City's three major airports — LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark, New Jersey — were up and running by late Saturday morning after shutting down the evening before. Boston's Logan Airport resumed operations late Saturday night.

Most of the power outages were in Massachusetts.

At New York's Fashion Week, women tottered on four-inch heels through the snow to get to the tents to see designers' newest collections. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Keith Tobin hauls a bucket of snow down the street while shovelling out his car in Boston Sunday. WINSLOW TOWNSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Struck by falling net

Boy, 9, killed in hockey accident

A nine-year-old boy is dead after an accident at an outdoor rink in a municipality northeast of Montreal.

Quebec provincial police say the boy was playing hockey alone at around 9 a.m. Saturday when a hockey net fell on top of him. Two municipal workers in Saint-Severin found the boy lying on the ice, underneath the net. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Liberal leadership

MP wants to help indebted students

Liberal leadership hopeful Marc Garneau would do away with the current requirement that post-secondary students begin paying off student loans six months after graduation. The Montreal MP would give students an indefinite grace period, requiring graduates to start repaying loans only after they've found work paying $40,000 per year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Wynne to unveil new cabinet

Ontario premier-designate Kathleen Wynne had to balance everything from political egos to geographical concerns as she built the new cabinet that will be sworn in Monday afternoon.

Wynne started making calls to caucus members on Sunday, letting each know which portfolio they will be responsible for when the legislature resumes sitting in about a week.

Analysts say she had to take care of her Liberal leadership rivals for the sake of party unity, but fortunately for Wynne her two closest competitors — Sandra Pupatello and Gerard Kennedy — don't have seats in the legislature and don't have to be given plum posts.

Cabinet speculation started circulating the minute Wynne was crowned as Dalton McGuinty's replacement at the leadership convention Jan. 26, especially on which loyal backbenchers could finally get promoted to the Liberal front rows, and which veterans could lose their portfolios.

Nelson Wiseman, a political science professor at the University of Toronto, expects leadership contender Charles Sousa will likely become finance minister. The former banker dropped out after the second ballot to support Wynne.

"Sousa shrewdly sort of positioned himself for that (portfolio), and he really raised his profile in this leadership race," said Wiseman. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

A lot is riding on the country

In addition to being premier, Wynne will also be sworn in as agriculture minister to raise the Liberals' profile in rural ridings.

- In rural ridings Liberals were virtually wiped out in the 2011 election that reduced them to a minority government.

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New Orleans

Four shot during Bourbon St. party

Gunfire wounded four people on New Orleans' famed Bourbon Street on Saturday night as a costumed crowd partied amid the countdown to the Mardi Gras festival, according to police and bystanders.

In a video taken by a witness, four shots ring out, followed by screams as some in the crowd stagger.

Police said in an email that an argument involving one victim led to the shooting. They described the video as showing two men leaving the argument and returning with a third, then approaching the victim and shooting.

No arrests were immediately reported.

Two men and two women were wounded, New Orleans police said. One male victim was in guarded condition Sunday with shots to the abdomen, thigh and pelvis.

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Washington state

Senior citizen pulls out football training to help stop felon

An 82-year-old Longview, Wash., man said he was a little sore but otherwise OK after tackling a felon, helping police catch a man one-third his age.

Terry Miracle was weeding in his garden Friday when he heard a commotion. Police were chasing a burglary suspect, identified as 27-year-old Morgan Perry Bluehorse.

Longview's The Daily News reports that as officers chased the suspect through yards and over fences, Miracle could hear them coming. He told the newspaper he got in position, and as the suspect came around the house, he remembered his football training.

He launched a "cross-body block," tripping him up and giving police time to catch him.

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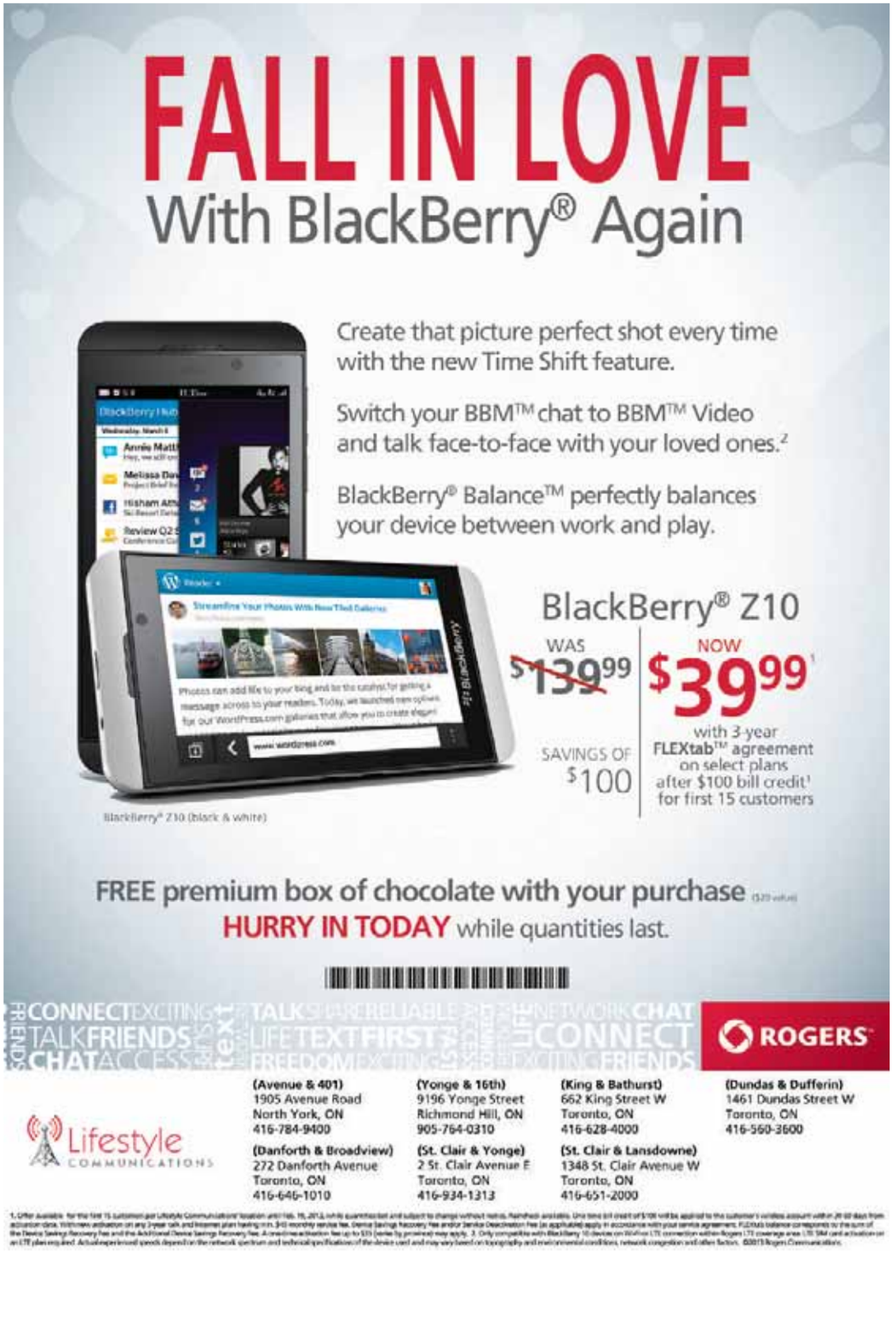
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The hunt in the San Bernardino mountains for a former police officer, wanted in three killings, entered a fourth day Sunday. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

$1-million reward laid in manhunt for ex-cop

Los Angeles. Police say taunting call made to father of one of the suspect's alleged victims

Seeking leads in a massive search, Los Angeles authorities on Sunday put up a $1-million reward for information leading to the arrest of Christopher Dorner, the former police officer suspected in three killings.

"Hopefully, the reward will motivate people that may be involved with assisting him or might be reluctant to talk to us to call us and to put an end to this," LAPD Sgt. Rudy Lopez said ahead of the announcement.

Meanwhile, authorities said camping gear was found along with weapons inside Dorner's burned-out pickup truck. The vehicle found Thursday in the ski-resort town of Big Bear was so charred that investigators couldn't be more specific about the nature of its contents, Lopez said.

Also Sunday, police investigated a taunting phone call that may have been made by Dorner to the father of the woman they believe he killed last week. Two law enforcement officers, who requested anonymity, said they are trying to determine if the call was made by the 33-year-old fugitive or an imposter.

SWAT teams with air support and bloodhounds fanned out for the fourth day to search for Dorner.

The effort was significantly scaled back as the weekend went on, with 25 officers and a single helicopter looking for clues in the forest and going door-to-door at some 600 cabins in the San Bernardino mountains, about 80 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

On Saturday, Chief Charlie Beck said officials would re-examine the allegations by Dorner that his law enforcement career was undone by racist colleagues.

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At a glance

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa announced the reward on Sunday.

- **Search.** Law-enforcement teams continue to scour snow-covered mountains near where the fugitive's charred truck was found Thursday.
- **Allegations.** Authorities say Dorner has vowed revenge against several former police colleagues whom he blames for ending his career.

A worker installs solar panels containing photovoltaic cells at the new Solarpark Eggersdorf in 2012 in Germany. Creating solar panels, marketed as a way to save the planet, actually creates polluted sludge and contaminated water during the manufacturing process. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

Solar boom fuels waste problem

Dirtier side. Solar panels, championed as a greener choice, are creating millions of pounds of sludge, contaminated water

Homeowners on the hunt for sparkling solar panels are lured by ads filled with images of pristine landscapes and bright sunshine, and words about the technology's benefits for the environment — and the wallet.

What customers may not know is that there's a dirtier side.

While solar is a far less polluting energy source than coal or natural gas, many panel makers are nevertheless grappling with a hazardous-waste problem. Fuelled partly by billions in government incentives, the industry is creating millions of solar panels each year and, in the process, millions of pounds of polluted sludge and contaminated water.

To dispose of the material, the companies must transport it by truck or rail far from their own plants to waste facilities hundreds and, in some cases, thousands of miles away.

The fossil fuels used to transport that waste, experts say, is not typically considered in calculating solar's carbon footprint, giving scientists and consumers who use the measurement to gauge a product's impact on global warming the impression that solar is cleaner than it is.

After installing a solar panel, "it would take one to three months of generating electricity to pay off the energy invested in driving those hazardous-waste emissions out of state," said Dustin Mulvaney, an environmental studies professor at San Jose State University. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drought. Corn shortage forces ethanol plants to halt production for now

The persistent drought is taking a toll on producers of ethanol, with corn becoming so scarce that nearly two dozen ethanol plants have halted production.

The Renewable Fuels Association, an ethanol industry trade group in the U.S., provided data to The Associated Press showing that 20 of America's 211 ethanol plants have ceased production over the past year, including five in January. Most remain open, with workers spending time performing maintenance-type tasks. But ethanol production won't likely resume until after 2013 corn is harvested in late August or September.

Industry experts don't expect a shortage — millions of barrels are stockpiled and the remaining 191 plants are still producing. Still, there is growing concern about what happens if the drought lingers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Public input leads to changes in study of wind turbines' health effects

Health Canada says it has tweaked its methods for a study on any links between wind farms and the adverse health effects reported by those living near them.

Ottawa announced last summer it would conduct the study, a decision that was lauded by opponents of the towering turbines.

The department says revisions to the plan were informed by more than 950 comments submitted by residents during a public consultation.

It says changes were made to the assessment of infrasound and a questionnaire to be administered by Statistics Canada.

Turbine opponents contend that exposure to low-frequency noise and vibrations from wind turbines — in particular, inaudible infrasound — can lead to sleep disorders, headaches, depression, anxiety and even blood pressure changes.

Focus

2,000

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The $1.8-million study will initially focus on residents in 2,000 dwellings near eight to 12 wind-turbine installations.

There are about 140 such land-based wind farms in Canada, most of them in Ontario and Quebec.

The study is being conducted by a team of more than 25 experts in acoustics, health assessment and medicine, including four international advisers. Results are expected in late 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Beijing's New Year fireworks scaled back in pollution-reducing move

Smoky celebrations. China's capital saw almost twice the usual number of smoggy days in January

Fireworks illuminate the skyline to celebrate Chinese Lunar New Year of Snake, causing severe air pollution on Saturday in Beijing. FENG LI/GETTY IMAGES

The annual Lunar New Year fireworks barrage in Beijing was notably muted Sunday following government appeals to reduce the smoky celebrations after air pollution rose to near catastrophic levels over recent weeks.

The holiday was also being celebrated in Vietnamese and Korean communities, and in North Korea's capital, Pyongyang, streams of residents offered flowers and bowed deeply before giant statues of national founder Kim Il Sung and his son and late leader Kim Jong Il.

In Jakarta, Indonesia, where Chinese cultural observances had been suppressed before 1998, ethnic Chinese flocked to the city's oldest temple to pray for health and success.

China's capital saw almost twice the number of smoggy days as usual in January, with levels of small-particle air pollution going off the charts at times. That prompted calls for restraint, along with a reduction in the number of licensed fireworks sellers and the amount of fireworks on sale.

The fusillades that began on Lunar New Year's eve on Saturday night started later than usual but still grew to furious intensity at midnight. They also died out earlier than usual on Sunday morning, and relatively few explosions were heard during the day.

Setting off fireworks to celebrate renewal and ward off evil spirits is a traditional part of the celebration that marks China's most important family holiday. Sales of fireworks from Tuesday to Saturday fell 37 per cent over the same period last year, from 410,000 cartons to just 260,000, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing figures from the city government. The city authorized 1,337 fireworks stands this year, down from 1,429 last year, and allowed 750,000 cartons of fireworks to go on sale, down from 810,000. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PM2.5 particle pollution

Weathering the smog

The Beijing Daily, the city government's official newspaper, carried appeals last week for residents to hold off on fireworks celebrations, saying not doing so would significantly worsen levels of PM2.5 particle pollution forecast to be in the hazardous zone.

City environmental bureau readings showed levels well above 200 in most parts of the city Sunday, dangerous but still well below readings of more than 700 seen last month, when Beijing experienced 23 days of smog, up from 10 the previous January.

Last year's fireworks display created a thick haze that sent 2.5 microgram pollution levels as high as 1,500. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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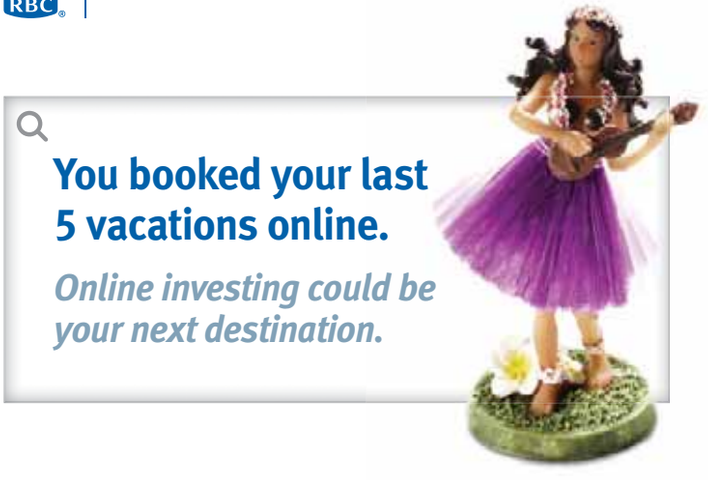

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Africa aid. Government grants funding to anti-gay religious group

An evangelical organization that describes homosexuality as a "perversion" and a "sin" is receiving funding from the Government of Canada for its work in Uganda, where gays and lesbians face severe threats.

The federal government has denounced virulent homophobia in that East African country, and Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird has condemned plans for an anti-gay bill that could potentially include the death penalty for homosexuals.

At the same time the government is providing $544,813 in funding for Crossroads Christian Communications — an Ontario-based evangelical group that produces television programming — to help dig wells, build latrines and promote hygiene awareness in Uganda through 2014.

The organization is being funded by the Canadian International Development Agency.

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'Specific objectives'

Crossroads spokeswoman Carolyn Innis told The Canadian Press in an email that the projects funded by CIDA do not include evangelical work and are focused on specific objectives.

Canary Islands

Falling lifeboat kills 5 crewmen aboard

A lifeboat being used on a safety drill aboard a cruise ship in Spain's Canary Islands fell about 20 metres into a port on Sunday when a cable snapped, trapping crew members beneath it and killing five of them, officials said.

None of the hundreds of passengers aboard the British-operated vessel were involved in the accident, which also injured three crew members, said the Canary Islands port authority.

The dead crewmen included three Indonesians, a Filipino and a Ghanian.

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At least 31 dead, dozens injured at Hindu festival

An injured woman who survived a stampede on a railway platform is carried away in Allahabad, India, Sunday. At least 10 Hindu pilgrims attending the Kumbh Mela were killed and more than thirty were injured, according to Railway Ministry sources. KEVIN FRAYER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deadly stampede.

Bridge collapses in Indian town as millions gather for river cleansing

At least 31 people were killed and dozens more injured Sunday after a stampede broke out at a train station in the northern Indian town where millions of devout Hindus gathered for a religious festival, a Medical superintendent said.

Pawan Bansal, India's Railway Minister, told reporters that the stampede took place as massive crowds flooded the Allahabad train station on Sunday evening.

News reports said the large crowds caused a section of a footbridge at the station to collapse, leading to the accident. Padmakar said 23 of the dead were women.

News reports said tens of thousands of people were at the train station at the time. Television showed large crowds pushing and jostling as policemen struggled to restore order.

An estimated 30 million devotees were expected to take a dip at the Sangam, the confluence of three rivers — the Ganges, the Yamuna and the mythical Saraswati — on Sunday, one of the holiest bathing days of the Kumbh Mela, or Pitcher Festival. The festival lasts 55 days and is one of the world's largest religious gatherings.

The auspicious bathing days are decided by the alignment of stars, and devout Hindus believe a dip in the sacred river on one of these days will wash away their sins and free them from the cycle of death and rebirth.

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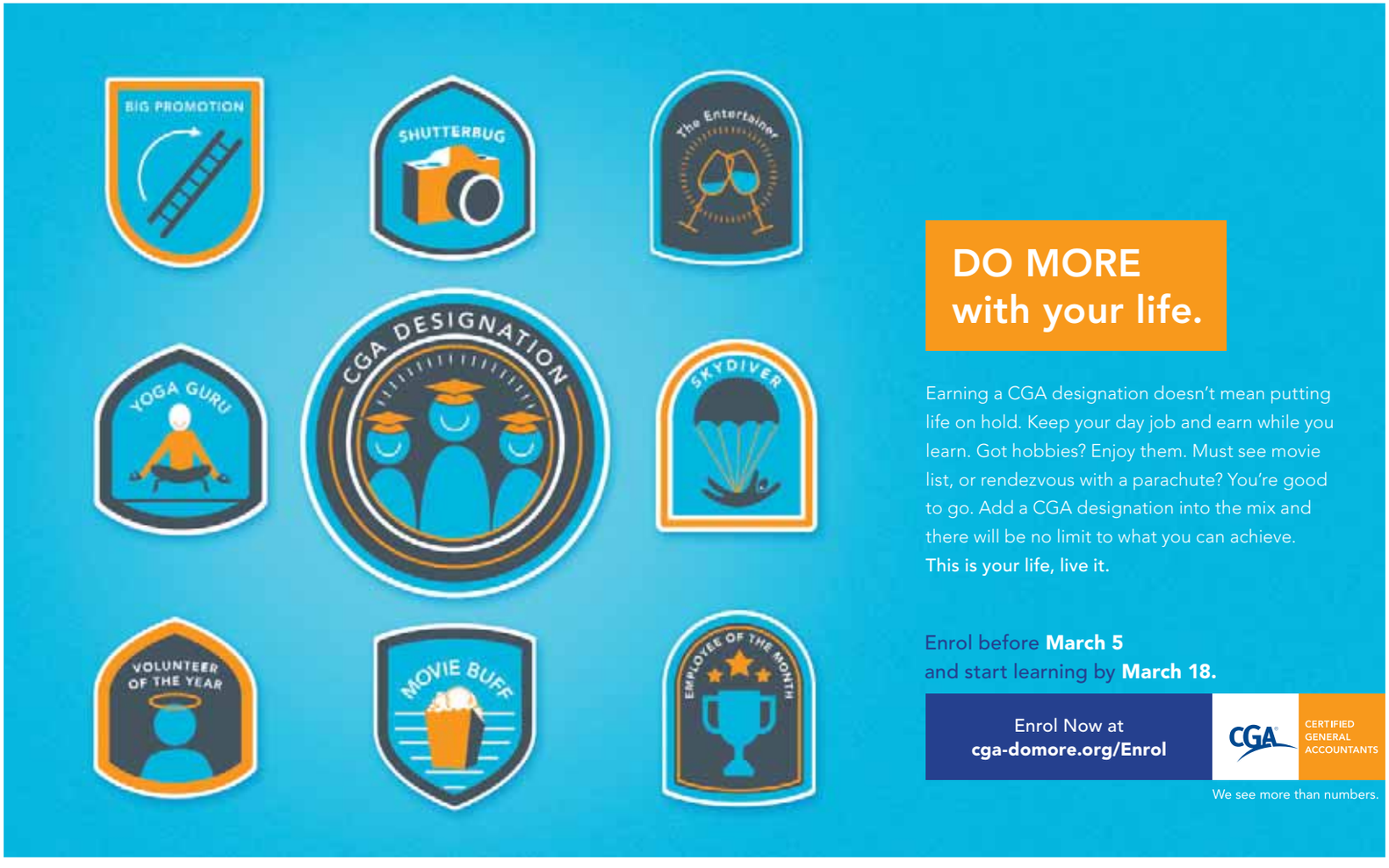
Mythical roots

According to Hindu mythology, the Kumbh Mela celebrates the victory of gods over demons in a furious battle over nectar that would give them immortality.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The lost art of analog amour

Allow us to resubmit for your approval a treasured artifact of romantic history: The love letter.

In the Facebook era, it's the height of romance "because there is a certain level of effort behind love letters, especially because we're so wired today," said Dr. Azadeh Aalai, a psychology professor at Montgomery College in Montgomery County, Md. "If you're sending a text, you don't know if it's being sent to multiple people. How many people even know the addresses of their friends and acquaintances?"

Records of love letters have been found as far back as Ancient Egypt, and as recently as every other pop song. A love letter is measured against the all-time-best examples of the form by its ability to flatter the recipient and reveal how the sender feels about that special someone — and, most importantly, by whether it has been penned by hand.

"People still appreciate having something tangible," said Tracy Steinberg, a dating coach and flirting expert based in New York. "I'm not dismissing the value of a sweet text or email, but there is something nice about having a letter that your lover gave you."

Science supports this. Aalai said that there's a different psychological connection made when a person sees a written signature versus a typed name. On top of that, the short hand and acronyms we use while typing doesn't hold the same "prose and beauty" of the written word.

Dianne Gottsman, a national etiquette expert and the owner of the Protocol School of Texas in San Antonio (yes, that place really exists), said that the difference between a handwritten love letter and an email is similar to the difference between showing up to a date with your hair combed and a clean shirt versus showing up with messy hair and a wrinkled shirt

"For a special occasion, it feels much better to receive something that you've put more effort into," she said.

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Learn from the masters

Great moments in love-lettering

Dr. Azadeh Aalai, a psychology professor, analyzes two classics of the hallowed form.

Marlon Brando to Stewardess

Dear Lady —

There is something not quite definable in your face — something lovely, not pretty in conventionally thought of way. You have something graceful and tender and feminine.

You seem to be a woman who has been loved in her childhood, or else, somehow by the mystery of genetic phenomena you have been visited by the gifts of refinement, dignity and poise. Perhaps you cannot be accredited with all that.

Irrespective of your gothic aspects, you have passed something on in terms of your expression, mien and general comportment that is unusual and rewarding.

It's been a pleasant if brief encounter and I wish you well and I hope we shall have occasion to cross eyes again sometime.

Best wishes
Marlon Brando

Dr. Aalai says:

"The spontaneity of Brando to a woman he didn't even know was noteworthy and I think adds the dimension of spontaneity or the unexpected to a love letter. It doesn't have to be to someone you know intimately; it can be to someone you feel a fleeting connection to that you want to notice you or to let them know they have been noticed."

Frida Kahlo to Diego Rivera

Diego, my love,

Remember that once you finish the fresco we will be together forever once and for all, without arguments or anything, only to love one another.

Behave yourself and do everything that Emmy Lou tells you.

I adore you more than ever.

Your girl, Frida
(Write me)

Dr. Aalai says:

"Frida's letter struck my fancy because of the kiss she left with the lipstick stain — very tangible and sexy and passionate. And hers was short but tender and sweet."

MATCHMAKER,

Traditional dating. The ancient art of matchmaking is alive and well, even in today's digital world

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL
Metro in Edmonton

Krystal Walter was fed up.

"It's just been a complete nightmare," the 30-year-old said.

Walter's search for love led her online at first, and then on dates with men that "didn't have legal jobs" and even a doctor who, according to her research, had a suspended medical licence.

"You don't want to go on a date with someone and Google them and find out horrible things," Walter said.

Spending $2,000 on an unsuccessful visit to a professional matchmaker was the breaking point that spurred Walter to venture into an old-fashioned profession and start her own matchmaking company.

She's hopeful her clients, who range in age from 25 to 45, will have better luck in their search for Mr. or Mrs. Right through her recently launched Edmonton-based company, Krystal Walter Professional Matchmaking.

Walter personally meets every client and each must undergo an interview and complete a background check before they're matched.

Carmelia Ray is an Ontario-based matchmaking specialist who believes matchmaking is a great option for singles looking for an alternative to finding love online.

Ray said the majority of clients she sees have dabbled in online dating and realized it's simply not for them.

"Some of them have been very frustrated with online dating so they're turning to a matchmaker," she said.

Ray listed the lack of safety and security online, and time needed to sort through profiles, as reasons why some singles find it difficult to locate the perfect match through online dating websites.

Amanda Meyer is leery of the online-dating scene. While she didn't turn to matchmaking, she found her man in a similarly "traditional" fashion.

After meeting her future husband through a mutual acquaintance, they spent several months as friends before starting to date. They're celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary this month.

"There was a nice progression. We were friends first, so we were comfortable and we knew each other," Meyer said.

"We always sort of joke we don't even really have a dating anniversary because it really was sort of a transition between friendship to dating."

Meyer said she has friends who've given online dating a try and while she's not against meeting your potential future spouse through the Internet, she thinks it can be "a little sketchy."

"People put up profiles and they can advertise themselves falsely, whereas I knew him and I knew where he worked and I knew he wasn't lying and wasn't false advertising himself."

In-person meetings are still essential, according to matchmakers.

Melissa Brown is president of It's Just Lunch, an international company that uses matchmakers to pair clients — who are typically busy professionals — on lunch dates.

The business began in Chicago more than two decades ago in a pre-Internet age and since then "it's just continued

Quoted

"Call us old-fashioned, call us what you want, but we take a very personal approach to dating."

Melissa Brown, president of matchmaking company It's Just Lunch

Advice, free of charge

First-date dos and don'ts

Whether you meet online, through a matchmaker or in the lineup at the grocery store, once you snag that first date it's important to make a good impression if you want to get to date No. 2.

Matchmakers Carmelia Ray, Krystal Walter and Melissa Brown offered these tips:

Do talk about interests, hobbies, family, vacation spots and other appropriate first-date topics. "Not diving into political discussions or talking about ex-relationships," Brown recommended.

Do be on time. "First impressions are really everything," Brown said.

Do keep the first date short. "Chances are you'll find out halfway through the dinner if you're interested," Walter said.

Don't text or email a lot before the date. "Just get on the phone and make a date," Walter said.

Don't be negative, Do be positive. "I think attitude is a really important tip when it comes to dating," Ray said.

Do mind your manners. "Gentlemen, play the role of a gentleman; and women, be lady-like," Ray said.

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The way we were

A history of dating services

Dating goes higher-tech. BIBLIOARCHIVES/LIBRARYARCHIVES/FLICKR

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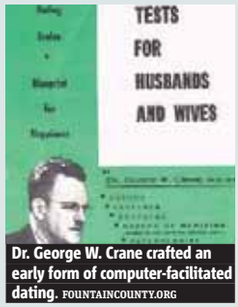

Dr. George W. Crane crafted an early form of computer-facilitated dating. FOUNTAINCOUNTY.ORG

MAKE ME A MATCH

Good-old-fashioned matchmakers say online dating can't compare to the personal touch they offer. HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO

to grow," Brown said.

"Even with the introduction of the Internet and online-dating services, you still really truly cannot have that chemistry unless you meet someone face-to-face. Call us old-fashioned, call us what you want, but we take a very personal approach to dating," she said.

The act of matchmaking itself is certainly old-fashioned. Long ago, professional matchmakers worked in Jewish communities in Eastern Europe and Russia, as famously portrayed in the musical Fiddler on the Roof. Matchmakers also existed in traditional Japanese and Chinese cultures.

At It's Just Lunch, clients meet for a confidential interview with one of the company's dating specialists, who are trained matchmakers, before being paired with other clients.

The matchmakers even arrange the details of the date, meaning clients, who range in age from their 20s to their 50s and whose professions include doctor, lawyer, teacher and entrepreneur, simply show up for their lunch date.

"It's casual, it's stress-free and it's relaxed. Within an hour you can pretty much get an idea if you want to see that person again," Brown said.

For Walter, matchmaking is about quality over quantity.

"Some people like to have the quantity. That's one thing that draws people to online dating," she said.

Most matchmakers meet their clients in person and do background checks, meaning potential dates are screened in a way that's not possible on many online dating websites.

Ray added that in today's digital world, matchmaking is a sound option for singles who don't want to spend their time clicking through profiles online.

"Online dating obviously has helped matchmakers," she said.

- **1957:** Dr. George W. Crane creates a computer dating service, where applicant forms are processed by an early IBM card-sorting machine.

The Dating Game
WIKIMEDIA COMMONS/ABC

- **1965:** The Dating Game, where one woman questions three men she can't see, debuts on TV.
- **1980s:** Video dating, where users create a video of themselves to be viewed by other customers, gains popularity well into the 1990s.

Video dating
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Tomorrow: The rise of online dating sites and services

THE COURSE TO TRUE LOVE NEVER DID RUN SMOOTH

PERSONAL PERSPECTIVE
Darren Krause
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I experimented with Lavalife once. For two weeks. Nearly 10 years ago.

It was right after I separated from my first wife. Go figure.

It involved clicking through a catalogue of best-foot-forward photos after inputting search parameters to weed out the logical mismatches.

While it was free to wink, I had to pay to play, so-to-speak. I paid about $20 once to charge up my Lava credits so I could make contact with prospective matches via email or instant message.

This resulted in the arrangement of a sporadic but cordial instant-message conversation. I suspected the person on the other end was engaged in a couple of IMs at the same time, with responses only coming every few minutes.

I ended my online love exploits shortly thereafter. Traditional dating was going to be more my speed. It was just more "me."

What I feared about online dating was its impersonal feel. It was orchestrated; it lacked that natural spark two people have upon first encounter. I feared I would be "matched" instead of loved.

Just not feelin' it

"What I feared about online dating was its impersonal feel.... I feared I would be 'matched' instead of loved."

Post-separation, I went to a Halloween party. Of course, a man had to have a standout costume to get noticed. I dressed up as a milk carton, my face on the back like that of a missing person. The costume was a conversation piece and garnered enough attention from a young woman that it turned into a phone number, a first date, then romance for a few months. It didn't last, but the meeting was comfortable and intriguing. It was natural. Most of my senses were engaged in the process. What I feared about online dating was that in those areas it was lacking.

Shortly thereafter a barista at a southwest Calgary coffee shop caught my eye. I went in most days, always hoping she would be there. It took months of awkward eye contact and the occasional "large Paradiso, no room" for me to muster the courage to ask her out.

We ended up dating for several months.

In the short time I was online dating I never felt that rush of adrenaline. I was shopping for a mate in a giant virtual black book. Binary-code forces were matching me instead of cosmic ones bringing people into my life.

Today, I'm happily remarried. I wed a woman I had already known for 15 years. Our lives had intertwined in numerous ways, including the death of her first husband and us living together platonically. We had a history, we had chemistry and now we have two kids.

As a traditional-dating advocate, I always worried I would never suffer the beauty of courtship (failed or otherwise) by submitting to online dating.

While the search for online romance grows in popularity, the end goal remains the same: love.

I can't say whether you get sweaty palms, butterflies and dry mouth when meeting an online date in person for the first time — I never did meet up with anyone via the World Wide Web.

Instead I sought chemistry, a painstaking progression with all the emotional and physical response that goes with the uncertainty of putting yourself out there.

I felt it was something a computer just couldn't match.

The search for love took our columnist online before he decided to opt for the more traditional route. CHINA PHOTOS/GETTY IMAGES

Record-setting reptile

Giant croc croaks

The world's largest saltwater crocodile in captivity died Sunday, sending villagers to tears in a backwater southern Philippine town that shot to international prominence and started to draw tourists, revenue and development because of the immense reptile.

A veterinarian rushed to the far-flung Bunawan town in Agusan del Sur province to check the one-ton crocodile after it flipped over with a bloated stomach Sunday in its cage in an eco-tourism park.

Guinness World Records proclaimed the giant, blamed for deadly attacks before it was captured in 2011, the largest saltwater crocodile in captivity last year, saying it measured 6.17 metres.

Authorities will try to determine what caused the death of the reptile, Bunawan town Mayor Edwin Cox Elorde said.

Experts estimate that the crocodile was more than 50 years old, according to Elorde. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Are Canada's polar bear hides about to take a tanning?

International trade. Support for a ban on the cross-border sale of polar bear parts is growing

Canada is in danger of losing a major international battle over its management of polar bears, with former allies reversing their position and supporting a proposed ban on cross-border trade in parts of the animals.

At stake is a growing and lucrative business for Inuit hunters, who sell the skins as a byproduct of their traditional hunt. A defeat would also be a "warning" to Canada's self-image as a responsible steward of the mighty Arctic predator.

Early next month, countries from around the world will meet in Bangkok to consider changes to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. Among the proposals is one from the United States that would place polar bear hides, heads or other parts in the same category as elephant ivory, forbidding their cross-border sale.

Canada fought off a similar proposal in 2010 with help from the European Union, which voted in a bloc to defeat it.

Now, major countries, including the United Kingdom and Netherlands, have announced they support a ban. Russia, which has polar bears, also agrees with the U.S.

Germany, Austria, Belgium and Poland are on-side with the change. Former opponents of the tougher rules, such as Spain, Greece and France, are now undecided. Meetings last week intended to develop a united EU position ended in deadlock.

The best Canada can now hope for is for the EU to abstain, said Dan Ashe, a director with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"We have enough votes that the EU can't oppose (our proposal). There aren't enough votes left for the EU to get to a position of opposition."

Canada — the only country that allows trade in polar bear parts — has long maintained that bear populations are healthy and remain at between 20,000 and 25,000. Canadian officials say the real threat to the bears is climate change, not international trade. They say restricting commerce wouldn't reduce the number of bears killed because a ban wouldn't affect traditional or sport hunts.

"(The U.S. proposal) would have no conservation benefit, but would harm the livelihoods of our Inuit peoples," an Environment Canada spokeswoman said in an email.

Canada points out that environmental groups, including the World Wildlife Fund, oppose the proposal. So do international wildlife monitoring organizations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

By the numbers

800

About 800 bears are taken each year. Estimates suggest up to 500 skins hit the market.

A polar bear mother and her two cubs walk along the shore of Hudson Bay near Churchill, Man., in November 2007. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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BoC nixed banknote images of gays, blacks

Plastic currency.
Research firm was paid $476K for illustration ideas, but bank went with traditional pics

The Bank of Canada considered celebrating gay marriages, black hockey players and turban-wearing RCMP officers on its new plastic banknotes — but eventually nixed them all in favour of the more traditional images of a train, a ship and a monument.

Internal documents show that focus groups and a Bank of Canada team reviewed a series of currency images intended in part to reflect the diversity of Canada's population, particularly the country's varied ethnic character.

Images that were considered included a Chinese dragon parade, the swearing in of a new citizen, Toronto's annual Caribbean festival, children of different ethnic backgrounds playing hockey or building a snowman, and a person in a wheelchair playing basketball.

The image catalogue was drawn up in 2008 by The Strategic Counsel, a market research firm hired for $476,000 to help the bank decide how to illustrate its series of polymer $5, $10, $20, $50 and $100 bills.

Drawing on focus-group discussions and workshops with Canadians in six cities, the consultant found strong support for themes of "diversity, inclusiveness, acceptance of others/multiculturalism."

Many images proposed at the start did not make the cut. Rejected were illustrations of a gay marriage, an RCMP officer wearing a turban, and "hockey with a twist ... with a black player." THE CANADIAN PRESS

The $100 bill was the first in the Bank of Canada's new series of polymer banknotes. It began circulating in November 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Cellphone contracts

CRTC begins public hearings on wireless code

The hot-button issues Canadians have with cellphone contracts — roaming fees, ability to unlock handsets and three-year contracts — will get another airing this week. The CRTC will hold a week of public hearings starting Monday in Gatineau, Que., on its proposed wireless code. The regulator is aiming for a set of national standards on cellphone contracts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Washington, D.C.

Cyber attacks could hit 95% of private-sector networks: Committee chair

The U.S. is vulnerable to cyber attacks that could shut down financial services or destroy information that companies need for daily operations, the chairman of the House Intelligence Committee said Sunday. Rep. Mike Rogers said 95 per cent of private-sector networks are vulnerable, and most have already been hit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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URBAN COMPASS
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An understandable thing happens as temperatures plummet and Toronto gets itself reacquainted with the concept of snow. Travellers in and about the city who might otherwise move by foot or bike find themselves relying on the TTC again. And with that, of course, comes some frustration.

And with that frustration, apparently, comes some unfortunate ideas for improving the city's perpetually cash-strapped transit system.

First came the notion that service would be improved if we looked at charging more for bringing strollers on buses and streetcars. As if moving around this city wasn't challenging enough for parents with small children.

That idea was rolled back real quick.

But last week another TTC-improving suggestion popped up, this one via a report by the Residential & Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario. The group, who has good reason to want to see big transit-construction projects, floated the idea of switching to a fare-by-distance model. They say it could be just the thing to raise new cash for transit.

Under fare-by-distance, riders travelling longer distances would pay more. It's a model used locally by GO Transit and internationally by many transit agencies. The move has its fans, especially among those who are weary of implementing other new taxes and tolls to pay for transit.

But it is, at least right now, a bad idea for the TTC.

Here's why: The TTC is already one of the more expensive transit systems on the planet. Worse, the system receives very little government support — especially compared to other North American cities, which are often subsidized to the tune of 50 per cent or more. In other words, riders are already shelling more than their comparative fair share to keep the trains running.

And then there's the question of means. It turns out that a big percentage of the people who rely on the TTC for long, rambling treks are exactly the sort of people who can't really afford to pay more. These are vulnerable people who have been pushed to the edges of the city and away from their jobs by an unaffordable downtown housing market.

You can't build a great transit system on the backs of those people. And you can only look at riders as cash cows for so long.

In another world, one where the TTC receives subsidies on the level of other cities, maybe we could have a fair conversation about fares. With the Presto fare card (slowly) rolling out across transit agencies, there may one day be an opportunity to implement a kind of GTA-wide fare-by-distance scheme, simplifying region-wide travel. That could be worth talking about.

But a fare-by-distance scheme now, as a simple grab for more cash from those least able to afford it? That just goes too far.

Read more of Matt's blog, Ford for Toronto, at metronews.ca

The TTC, a system plagued by service limitations and crowdedness, ranks among the highest in the world on the list of most expensive transit systems.
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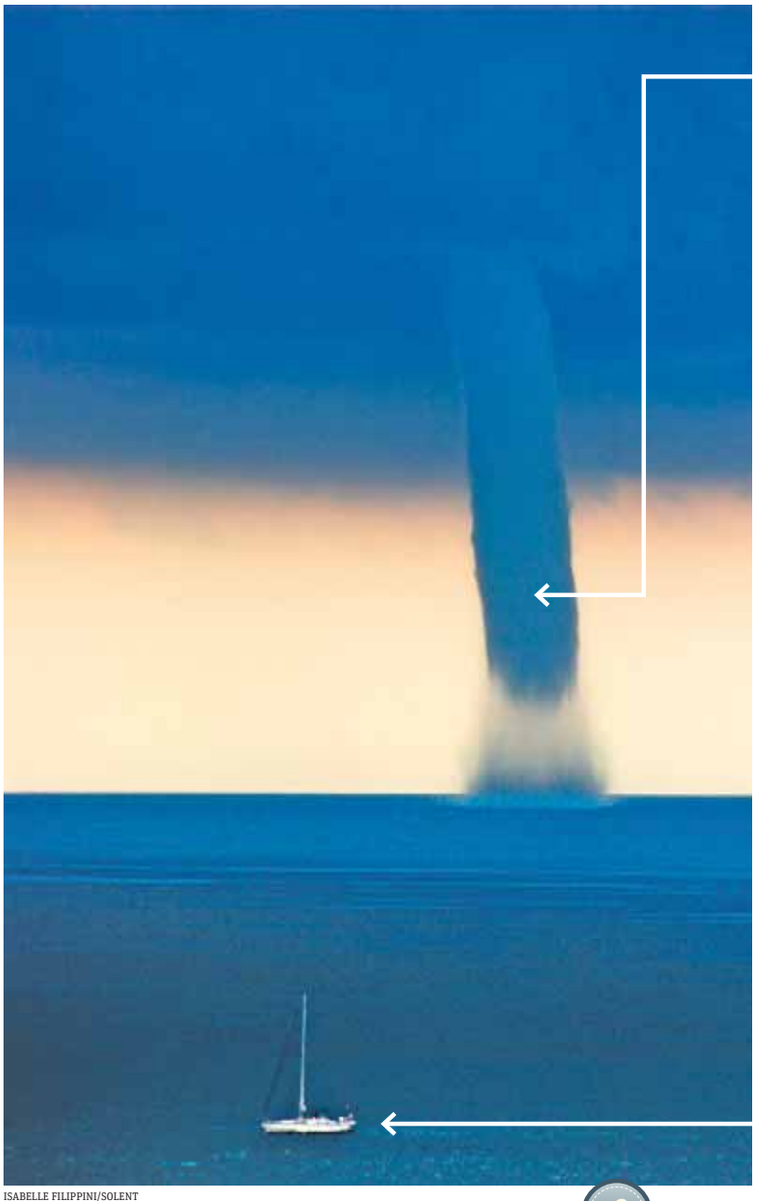
Waterspout something to sea



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Ocean view

Phenomenon a yacht to take in

It's every sailor's nightmare, but for everyone else a waterspout makes for a jaw-dropping photo.

Here, off the coast of the French island of Corsica, a colossal whirling vortex appears perilously close to a small yacht drifting on the Mediterranean.

Quick-thinking vacationer Isabelle Filippini grabbed her camera to capture the spectacle.

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Waterspout facts

- **Formation.** They're created when layers of cool air blowing over the water cause warm, moist air to surge up from underneath.
- **Not sea water.** For a long time, scientists thought the revolving mass of water in a waterspout was in fact from the sea — it's actually a spray of cloud water or condensation.

Shutter-happy

"My family and I had been admiring the sea, despite the low clouds. Then, all of a sudden one of the clouds was pointing towards the sea and I realized it was forming a tornado. I was amazed as the waterspout touched the sea."
Isabelle Filippini, 43, from Paris

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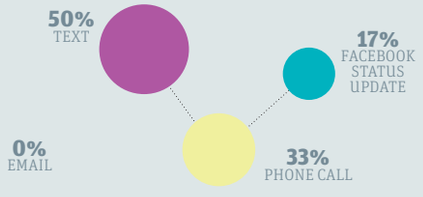

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Looking fine in a Suit & Tie

Justin Timberlake makes a return to the stage at the Grammys on Sunday night. GETTY IMAGES

Grammy Awards. Toronto's Drake takes home award for best rap album, while Justin Timberlake tests out new material on stage

Critically lauded R&B crooner Frank Ocean won his first-ever Grammy trophy Sunday night, while a spry Justin Timberlake returned to the stage after years away for a stylized take on two new songs.

The 25-year-old Ocean entered the Grammy Awards with six nominations for his ambitious, contemplative debut commercial release Channel Orange, and he picked up his first award for best urban contemporary album early in the show.

"I hear ... the way you disarm audiences is by picturing them naked, but I don't want to do that," the L.A.-based singer said softly.

"I want to say thank you to my mother for being the best," he added, as his teary-eyed mom was captured clapping along.

But fun. bested Ocean in the best new artist category, an award he was buzzed to win. The band's lead singer, Nate Ruess, says he didn't expect his group to win. They were also up against Alabama Shakes, Hunter Hayes and The Lumineers.

In other news, the Grammys seemed to lose Canadian Carly Rae Jepsen's number, as her earworm smash Call Me Maybe was overlooked for both song of the year and pop solo performance.

Fun.'s irrepressible anthem We Are Young instead took top song trophy, and soon-to-be 31-year-old frontman Nate Ruess had a clever crack ready.

"Oh God. I don't know what I was thinking writing the chorus for this song — if this is in HD, everyone can see our faces and we are not very young," said Ruess, whose band performed Carry On amid an impressive fake downpour.

"We've been doing this for 12 years and I've just gotta say that we could not do this without the help of all the fans we've had keeping us afloat....

"I guess we've felt like your best-kept secret. So thank you guys so much."

Taylor Swift kicked off the show with an Alice in Wonderland-inspired rendition of her hit We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together. She sported an outfit reminiscent of the Mad Hatter's — a white-suit jacket, matching top hat and hot pants — while a cast of eccentrics surrounded her. Meanwhile, some poor gentleman — and the presumed target of Swift's scorn — was fastened to a gigantic onstage bull's-eye.

Timberlake's performance similarly hit the mark.

As he took the stage, the image went suddenly monochromatic while the tuxedoed singer moved slickly while surrounded by dancers steeped in old-school L.A. glamour. After an assist from Jay-Z, Timberlake smoothly segued into another new tune Pusher Love Girl before being serenaded with an enthusiastic reaction.

Meanwhile, Toronto rapper Drake finally claimed his first-ever Grammy Award out of 12 nominations. The 26-year-old took his inaugural hardware in the best rap album category, with his sophomore hit Take Care. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Big winners

- **Song of the year.** We Are Young, fun.
- **Rap album.** Take Care, Drake.
- **Rock album.** El Camino, The Black Keys
- **Country song.** Blown Away, Carrie Underwood
- **Best pop solo vocal performance.** Set Fire to the Rain, Adele
- **Best new artist.** fun.

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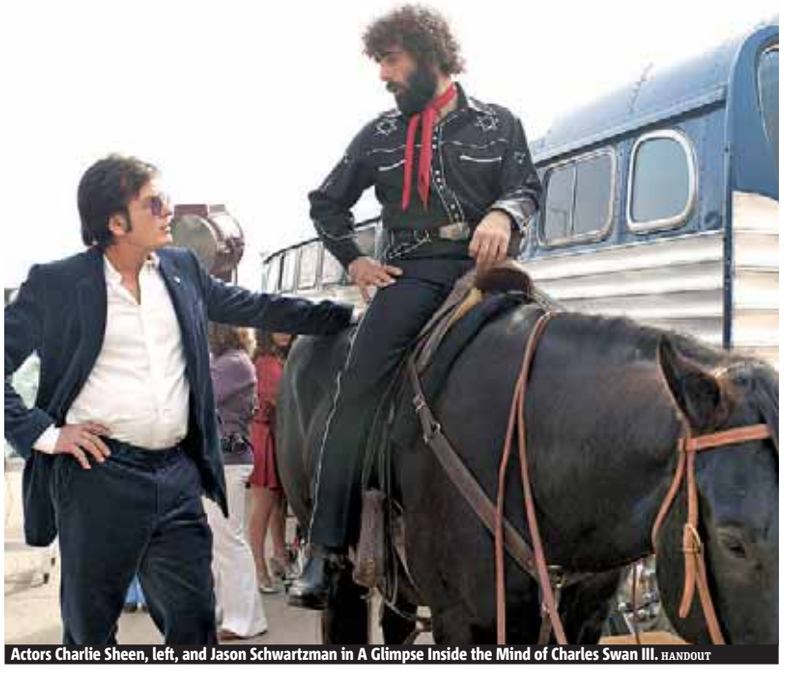
A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III reunites pals Schwartzman, Coppola



Actors Charlie Sheen, left, and Jason Schwartzman in A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III. HANDOUT

Movies. It's 'told from a guy's point of view,' but filmmaker says film is just about the human condition

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Actor Jason Schwartzman and filmmaker Roman Coppola are clearly good pals. Not only have they worked on several films together (including Moonrise Kingdom — for which Coppola has earned an Oscar nomination for best writing) but the duo are practically inseparable as they pitch their latest comedy.

"I just think we're collaborative by nature and I think it's a good fit," explained Schwartzman recently during an interview. "And Roman, his attitude is if you can dream of it, we can do it — we'll find a way."

Coppola has truly tested that mantra in A Glimpse Inside the Mind of Charles Swan III. Not only is the film's title considerable but the "wild movie" involves a stylized world in which a graphic designer's life (played by Charlie Sheen) unravels at the sudden departure of his true love in spite of his best friend's (Schwartzman) support.

"It's told from a guy's point of view but I was pleased when I showed the film and a good, close friend said (she) really related to that character," admitted Coppola, who is certainly unafraid to enact the sex-obsessed title character's fantasies in the quirky comedy.

"Hopefully it's just about the human condition, so anyone can enjoy it."

The film (which opens Friday) has also been drawing obvious parallels between Charles Swan and its notorious star Charlie Sheen — a circumstance that Coppola stops short of admitting, if only to praise the actor.

"He has a wit, charisma and charm that's just something certain people have and most people don't," said Coppola. "I knew that he had those chops and abilities as a really fine actor so I was excited and felt confident that he would nail it and was really excited to present him back on the big-screen again because I think he deserves to be there."

Schwartzman's beard

"It was determined pretty early on that I would don as much curly hair as possible and as thick a beard as was doable. (My beard) cast quite an enormous shadow if the sun hit me in the right way."

Schwartzman, of his stylized look in the film.

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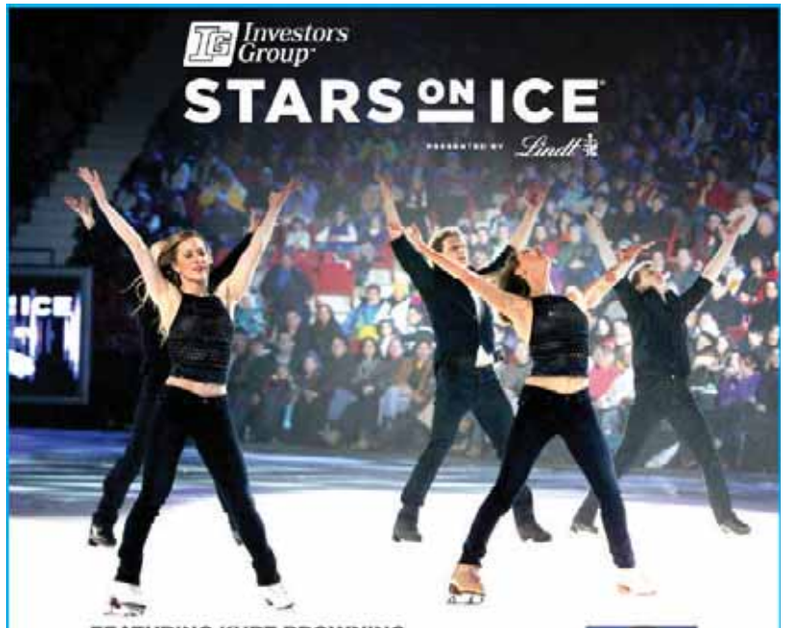

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Taylor Swift

Country music rivals keep a distance at Grammys

Taylor Swift's love life isn't the only source of tension in the 23-year-old singer's life. She apparently also has some issues with her country music rivals.

Producers at this weekend's Grammy Awards were reportedly ordered to keep Swift and Carrie Underwood "from crossing paths since they hate each other," sources tell Us Weekly. "Taylor feels Carrie is always rude to her, so she steers clear of her." Reps for the awards show, though, insist that "no requests were received from either artist."

Charlie Sheen

Sheen reaches out to suspected killer

While suspected killer and former LAPD officer Christopher Dorner is still on the lam, at least one celebrity wants to help him out. Charlie Sheen, who is mentioned briefly in Dorner's lengthy manifesto, has recorded a video message reaching out to Dorner, who is being sought in the murder of three people, according to E! News. "You mentioned me in your manifesto, so thank you for your kind words. I am urging you to call me," Sheen says in the clip. "Let's figure out together how to end this thing. Call me. I look forward to talking to you." In the manifesto, Dorner writes, "Charlie Sheen, you're effin' awesome." He also pays tribute to Ellen DeGeneres, Serena Williams, Natalie Portman and Jon Stewart.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Pop goes the week

PETA demands Beyoncé's skin

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PETA is chastising Beyoncé for wearing a halftime outfit made of python and iguana. Just wait until PETA sees her costumes for the upcoming tour: a wolf bra, two pairs of dolphin-skin shoes with sea turtle heels, a baby polar bear cape (estimated amount of baby polar bears required: 12 to 17) and an Illuminatiger hat.

Justin Timberlake denies calling Britney "bitch." Says Justin, "Can't a person have a conversation about World War II and the British blitz?"

Alexander Skarsgard and Jack McBrayer are observed having lunch together. Which explains the sudden weird upsurge in Kenneth the Page and Eric Northman fan fiction.

Dolce and Gabbana releases a fragrance exclusively for babies. Great Szantorwx, God of Destruction, Malevolence and Infant-related Justice, Earth is ready for your ruling.

This week in Events That Make You Loathe Your Own Family Just A Bit Little Less. 1) Tanning Mom gets drunk and falls down in a nightclub. 2) Bobbi Kristina Brown asks people not to buy her grandmother Cissy Houston's "disrespectful" tell-all Remembering Whitney. 3) Three members of a Nova Scotia family are arrested for smoking and belligerence on board a flight to the Dominican Republic. 4) A Belgian tattoo artist inks his name in giant letters on his girlfriend's face one day after they met. 5) Octomom gets panicky and calls the school when she can't locate one of her kids, who is later found to be taking a nap at home. 6) Three years after they split, Christina Aguilera's husband is finally moving his stuff out of her house. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Bullying

Canadian view

A survey by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and Invesco Canada Ltd. provides insight into how Canadians view bullying.

Seventy-eight per cent of Canadians say not enough is being done to stop bullying and 94 per cent say teachers and school administrators share responsibility in trying to curtail the problem.

Among bullied Canadians, 72 per cent said they were teased in a way to humiliate and 71 per cent experienced verbal abuse and taunting. Meanwhile, among bullied Canadians who suffered lasting harm, effects included lack of confidence, low self-esteem, depression, anger management issues and poor academic achievement. METRO

Seventy-eight per cent of Canadians say not enough is being done to stop bullying. ISTOCK

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Move over Marcia, Jan has an important lesson for parents

Failure. A classic episode of The Brady Bunch shows how vital it is to let your kids realize they aren't good at everything

IT'S ALL RELATIVE
Kathy Buckworth,
kathybuckworth.com

Like Jan on the Brady Bunch, kids have to learn that failure is a part of life. ABC PHOTO ARCHIVES

I loved The Brady Bunch as a child, but after re-watching a certain episode, I love it even more as a parent.

It featured middle daughter Jan Brady (the family's perpetual loser) trying to discover if she had a natural born talent ... for anything.

Predictably, and much to her teen despair, she failed at many different things (ballet, tap dancing, being a drum majorette, acting in the school play).

Mom Carol Brady said to husband Mike, "Poor Jan. She's really miserable. I hate to see her going through this." To which he grunted unsympathetically, "She'll have to figure it out."

I loved this. Today, do we ever let our kids "figure it out" for themselves? We constantly tell them they're good at everything, in a world where it's virtually impossible to fail a class. Or we have them participate in sports where no score is kept and no one ever loses.

On the show, it's Jan's sympathetic siblings who challenge and deliberately lose to her at a number of activities — ping pong, Monopoly. But, of course, she eventually discovers what they're doing and becomes convinced she's an even bigger loser.

Is this the risk we as parents take if we continue to prop our kids up with false praise, and an "everyone's a winner at everything" attitude?

They quickly learn the truth about their talents when they leave the house for a post-secondary education or into the real working world, where discipline and criticism can be harsh.

Preparing our children for disappointment and failure is one of the lessons we might want to have them learn at home, rather than from a disgruntled professor or angry manager.

American Idol is a great example of what can happen if you aren't honest with your children and you send them out onto the stage to fail.

My kids are terrible singers. I am a terrible singer. Their father is a terrible singer. It's just who we are, and we all know it. They won't be those show contestants who are painfully awful, but are convinced they're the next Kelly Clarkson because their mom says so.

By all means, we should be encouraging our children when they find what they're good at — we should be their biggest cheerleaders — but let's make sure we're not cheering them on to great public failure. After all, not everyone can be a perfect drum majorette like their big sister Marcia.

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Tangy Shrimp, Asparagus and Egg Stir-fry beats takeout

This recipe serves four. NEWS CANADA

Why not break out of the typical weeknight routine and wow your family with a simple and delicious Asian-inspired home-cooked meal that takes very little effort?

With just a handful of ingredients, you can create an impressive dish bursting with exciting flavours.

The tangy Asian-inspired sauce mixed with fresh vegetables will make you swear off takeout for good.

To avoid overcooking the shrimp, make sure they are still undercooked before adding the eggs.

1. In a large non-stick skillet, heat the vegetable oil over high heat. Add the cut-up asparagus and stir-fry for 4 minutes; add the thawed shrimp and cook while stirring for 3 minutes.

2. Lower the heat, add lightly beaten eggs and them let set slightly without stirring, about 1 minute.

3. Break up the eggs with a spatula, pour in the stir-fry sauce, green onions and stir to heat the mixture through, another 2 minutes.

4. Serve on cooked rice or noodles. **NEWS CANADA/ VH SAUCES**

Ingredients

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) vegetable oil
- 2 cups (500 ml) asparagus pieces, cut into 1-inch lengths
- 1 lb (500 g) peeled medium-sized shrimp, thawed
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 jar (355 ml) VH Szechuan Stir-Fry Sauce or the General Tao Stir-Fry Sauce
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) finely sliced green onions
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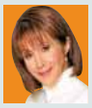

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Ingredients

- 1 (170 g) can of low sodium tuna, drained
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) diced radish
- 1 stalk celery, diced
- 1/4 cup (60 ml) plain yogurt
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) lemon juice
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The growing trend of online resources that feature inspiring projects and crafts ensure that parents don't have to be DIY experts in order to take part in fun activities with their children. FLICKR / JORDANHILL SCHOOL D&T DEPT

Keeping kids entertained can be quite a task on those chilly, winter snow days home from school. When it's too cold to continue playing outside, try engaging kids in a fun yet educational project that will also help develop essential life skills.

With fewer skilled trade workers as role models today, many kids have never been exposed to using tools. Building a project together helps adults bond with children while instilling confidence and new skills such as problem solving, math and coordination.

While parents may be reluctant to permit young children to build or use tools, research indicates that much of the early brain development comes from using our hands. Mag Ruffman, Canada's self-proclaimed "tool girl", recently produced a series of videos for Lowe's featuring simple yet fun projects parents can do with their kids at home. Ruffman explains that if kids can get their hands on tools and materials in their first five or six years, it can help their brains develop neural pathways that can improve their intelligence and abilities for the rest of their lives.

"When you think back on your childhood, it's those things you built with your own hands that have the greatest resonance," she says.

"That is the goal of what we call the Lowe's Family Fun Projects. We're doing everything we can to help kids and parents build lifelong memories in that timeless world of creativity. The more creative and innovative our kids are, the better this world will become."

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Mag Ruffman
Producer of Lowe's Family Fun Projects

Embrace and enhance your CV superpowers

Make that paper pop. Take the 'zzz' out of 'resumé' with these six easy-to-follow guidelines

YLVA VAN BUUREN
careerbear.com

In today's competitive marketplace, a winning resumé is your sales pitch. It's your first shot at convincing the potential employer that you are, hands-down, the best candidate for the job.

It's not just about listing all the jobs you've ever held, says Maureen McCann, mypromotion.ca, an award-winning resumé writer. It's about strategically highlighting your expertise and achievements — for the potential employer.

Here are some guidelines.

Research
"Do your research about the hiring organization so you understand what they're looking for and how to focus your information," says McCann. Talk to people in the industry, carefully read the job posting and target your message by identifying what value you have to bring to the employer's table.

Determine a resumé style
If you're writing your own resumé, check online for resumé templates that you can start with — and then revise one to make it your own. The website youth.gc.ca explains that there are three basic styles:

• A functional resumé focuses on skills, highlighting transferable skills gained from previous jobs, activities, experiences or volunteer work. This is recommended if you do not have a long work history.

It never hurts to write a crisp cover letter that points to some of the important features in your resumé. But keep it short and sweet, says Maureen McCann, an award-winning resumé writer. ISTOCK

• A chronological resumé focuses on work history, showing work experience and focusing on positions you've had and responsibilities and accomplishments. It's usually organized with the most recent information first.

• A combination style combines elements of both but also includes dates, titles and other information from different positions. This is a good style when you want to prioritize your skills but also demonstrate how your career has evolved.

Use an easy-to-read style
Breaking out information into small separate sections with specific headings is always easier to scan and read. You could start with a value proposition, says McCann. "I might describe someone as 'strategic, outgoing or award winning'… and then go into describing things that I know the employer is looking for." If you know the company wants someone with five key skills, says McCann, be sure to list those five skills upfront.

Demonstrate your qualities
Include the functions you did in your past jobs, but also describe how what you did helped to change or improve the organization, says McCann. For example, your strategy helped improve sales by 30 per cent. Use action words to describe how you contributed to the company's success.

Presentation is everything
If a hard copy is required, be sure the resumé is clean and printed on white regular letter-sized paper (8.5 by 11-inch). If an electronic version is called for, be sure to include links to your LinkedIn or other professional online profiles. And make sure spelling and grammar are perfect.

Make Every Word Count
Try to keep your entire resumé to one to two pages. Edit information that isn't necessary. For example, if listing personal interests does not somehow align with what's valuable to a potential employer, then leave them out.

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Could their workplace woes be leading somewhere more serious?

The lows of labour.
Learn to spot the signs of staff discontent before they lead to staff dissent

JULIA WEST
Metro World News in Philadelphia

There's a difference between an employee with the Monday blahs and one who is continuously unhappy and disengaged.

Not only should employers be able to spot the difference, they should know how to reverse the problem before it's too late.

Sign: Distrust of management
"If you find that your employees trust politicians more than your senior management, you have a problem," says Morgan Norman, founder and CEO of WorkSimple.

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This can lead to poor productivity.

"If employees aren't trusting," he adds, "they won't put themselves into their work."

Solution: Cultivate a culture of trust
When you provide a safety net for your workers, they are more apt to try new ideas and produce better results. Show them that you believe in their work.

Sign: Long lunches and increased absences
If you notice an employee who can barely show up for work, you are likely seeing someone who is not interested. "This may be a sign that someone is using the time for job interviews," warns Christine Endres, Branch Manager for Robert Half International in Philadelphia.

Solution: Re-evaluate this person's work
Could this be a matter of someone who is simply overworked and underappreciated? Are they getting the recognition that they fairly deserve?

"Failure to recognize employee achievements, excessive workloads for long periods of time and fear of job loss can negatively impact employee morale," says Endres. Take action and communicate before you risk losing a dedicated worker.

Asleep at the wheel?

Sign: Low energy level

- Have an employee who drags his or her feet day in and day out? "While it may be unrelated to the workplace, a change in attitude could be indicative of an ominous burnout," explains Amanda Augustine of career website TheLadders.com.

Solution: Talk it out

- This person may need a better work-life balance. "When you understand what matters most to your employee, then you can understand what can be done to improve their level of satisfaction," Augustine adds. Listening and allowing the person to speak freely can certainly be an asset in this sort of situation.

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Alex Hyssen and Andrew Lenjosek agree that any successful business must start with a solid and supportive team dynamic. PROVIDED

They had it all, successful careers, money and freedom. But Andrew Lenjosek gave up his job on Wall Street in New York and Alex Hyssen left his sales analyst job to start their own company. Their plan is to simplify the vitamin buying experience while dramatically reducing prices for consumers. Putting their life savings into the venture, they are ready to launch and the early buzz has this start-up ready to explode out of the starting gate.

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"When we launched our social media campaign," says Lenjosek. "Within two weeks, our outreach added more than 10,000 people to our sign-up list through our website landing page. We received dozens of emails from people who expressed support for our cause — a few even asked us about investing and/or joining the team!"

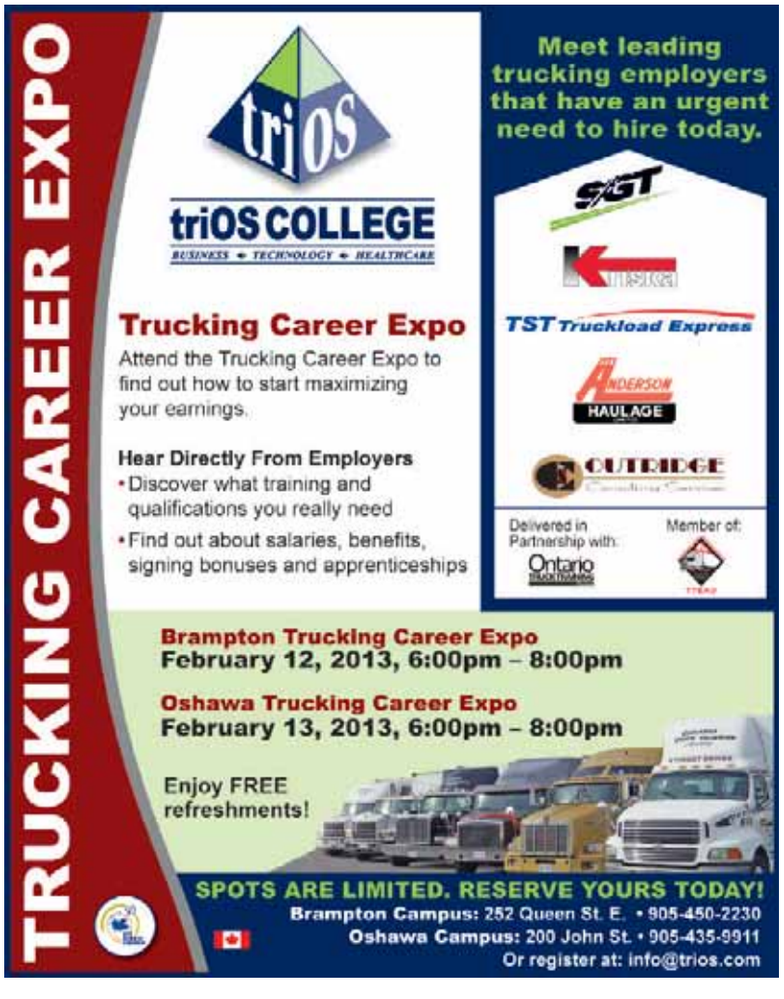
Hyssen adds, "The initial reaction of all of these people, particularly people we had never met before, proved to our team that our goals were desirable and absolutely within reach, and that we were on track to achieving them."

Action Plan:

Focus on what you're passionate about.
It's hard to find the courage to "veer off the path" and start a company from scratch when all of your friends are working in safe and stable professional jobs. When you've grown into a fully operational company, you certainly won't look back and regret taking a chance on something you believed in, even if the ride was bumpy.

Choose your partners wisely
You're going to be "married" to the people you start your company with, so getting along is a must. Pick individuals you trust and who you believe are honest. Your partners need to be willing to put everything on the line, work extremely hard and be just as determined as you in order to succeed.

Be resourceful
Reach out to everyone you know, make the choices that add the most value and focus on testing your concept before you start to unload the big bucks on features that aren't critical.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Montreal Canadien Max Pacioretty, right, shows his arm to a referee following an incident with Toronto Maple Leaf Mikhail Grabovski as Canadiens goalie Carey Price looks on Saturday in Montreal. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Will NHL bare teeth at Maple Leafs forward?

NHL. Disciplinary hearing set for Mikhail Grabovski over alleged biting incident

Mikhail Grabovski seems to have given hockey fans and the NHL something to chew on.

The Maple Leafs forward got a one-day reprieve when his hearing with NHL disciplinarian Brendan Shanahan over an alleged biting incident was delayed.

Grabovski and Shanahan will discuss over the phone on Monday — scheduled for 11 a.m. — just what happened Saturday in the third period when Montreal's Max Pacioretty grabbed Grabovski from behind and twisted his head. Grabovski responded by appearing to chomp on Pacioretty's arm.

No reason was given for the delay — it was originally scheduled for Sunday — but the league is certain to come to a decision before the Leafs play the Philadelphia Flyers on Monday evening at the Air Canada Centre.

Grabovski could be suspended or fined, or both. Neither Grabovski or Pacioretty spoke after the game, nor did Grabovski speak to reporters after Sunday's practice at the MasterCard Centre.

Twitter sunk its teeth into the bite debate, adding another layer to Toronto's historic rivalry with Montreal, as supportive Leaf fans incited Montreal fans with hashtags like "#Biteme" and "#FreeGrabbo."

"Sore losers, simple as that," tweeted one.

Grabovski, a former Hab, has left his mark on this rivalry. He is frequently targeted by Montreal players — the Leafs accused Brandon Prust of cheap-shotting Grabovski on Saturday night — and routinely jeered at the Bell Centre.

"This shouldn't be happening," Habs defenceman Josh Gorges said of the alleged bite. "Drop your gloves, fight, stand up for yourself."

The Leafs defended Grabovski, saying they didn't see the alleged bite, but adding he was provoked.

"I don't know what happened," said Leaf defenceman Mark Fraser. "It's the game.... In the heat of the moment guys react differently."

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Flyers coming to town

- As the Maple Leafs try to prove they can win at home, the Philadelphia Flyers want their road fortunes to get better.
- Monday's game at the Air Canada Centre is also the first game against their former teams for both Luke Schenn and James van Riemsdyk.
- Van Riemsdyk, 23, is quickly becoming the power forward that Toronto has lacked, while after a rough first few games as a Flyer, Schenn, also 23, is starting to give Philadelphia a strong, physical presence on their blue-line.

AHL

Marlies fail to use power play to their advantage

If the Toronto Marlies are looking for reasons why they lost Sunday, they can start with a faulty power play.

Toronto failed to convert once on seven power plays, including a 5-on-3 man advantage in the first period, and went on to lose 3-2 to the visiting Texas Stars in American Hockey League action.

Alex Chiasson, Justin Dowling and Mike Hedden scored for Texas as the league-leading Stars halted a two-game mini-skid and improved to 28-13-7.

Ryan Hamilton, with his team-leading 20th goal of the season, and Greg McKegg replied for the Marlies in front of 4,556 fans at Ricoh Coliseum. Spencer Abbott collected two assists as Toronto falls to 25-16-4 on the season.

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Figure skating

Duhamel and Radford ascend to win gold

Canadians Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford captured their first international pairs title, winning gold at the Four Continents figure skating championships Sunday.

Duhamel, from Lively, Ont,. and Radford, from Balmertown, Ont., became the first Canadians to claim this title since Jamie Sale and David Pelletier in 2002.

Canada's two-time world ice-dance champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir lost to American rivals Meryl Davis and Charlie White for the second consecutive competition. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Raptors bench answers Casey's wake-up call

Toronto Raptor Alan Anderson slaps the ball away from New Orleans Hornets forward Ryan Anderson in Toronto on Sunday. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

When Raptors coach Dwane Casey issued a challenge to his second unit during half time, the message wasn't lost on John Lucas.

The backup point guard scored 10 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter as Toronto defeated the New Orleans Hornets 102-89 Sunday.

Casey wasn't pleased to see an 11-point Toronto lead in the second quarter quickly erased as the Hornets went on a 10-0 run with the Raptors' second unit on the floor.

"We struggled a little bit in the first half where the second unit gave up a lead," Casey said. "I challenged them about coming in and being ready to play, perform; you can't play your starters 48 minutes, and they came in and performed in the second half."

Alan Anderson added 11 off the bench as Toronto (19-32) won its second straight and improved to .500 at the Air Canada Centre this season (13-13).

"He just called us out point blank, called us out and that's what we needed, a wake-up call," said Lucas.

Rudy Gay had a game-high 20 points and Kyle Lowry added 14 points and 10 assists.

Gay, who came in averaging 24.3 points since his trade from Memphis, became the first Raptor to have five straight games with 20-plus points since Andrea Bargnani (Dec. 28, 2011 — Jan. 4, 2012) last season.

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On Sunday

Raptors	Hornets
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MLS. Coaches critique pre-season showings

If you missed the action and only heard the coaches' post-match comments, you might have been confused by what happened to Toronto FC and the Montreal Impact in their pre-season openers.

"Not everything was good," said Montreal manager Marco Schallibaum.

"I think everybody did really well," said Toronto coach Ryan Nelsen.

"That's a game that we'll look back on with a lot of positives from," he added.

Montreal won on the day, rallying to defeat Sporting Kansas City 2-1 at the Walt Disney World Pro Soccer Classic. Earlier Saturday, Toronto FC lost 1-0 to the Columbus Crew at the same tournament.

Having inherited a team that went 5-21-8 last season, Nelsen has been unwaveringly positive since taking over — at least in public.

Nelsen makes a point of praising all his assistant coaches. In past regimes, one sometimes wondered whether the top man knew their names. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"If you perform well, you'll get your opportunities."

Toronto FC coach Ryan Nelsen
on how he will decide who gets to play

MLS

TFC makes first cuts

Toronto FC made its first cuts of the pre-season Sunday, releasing two players taken in the MLS supplemental draft and a trialist.

Midfielders Jose Gomez and Nik Robson were let go, along with Trinidad and Tobago defender-midfielder Joevin Jones.

Goalkeeper Stefan Frei was at practice Sunday, but did not take part in the training session. He left Saturday's game against the Columbus Crew following a collision with Crew striker Ryan Finley. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Last-16 stage kicks off with heavyweight battle

Cristiano Ronaldo has further elevated his game since his world-record transfer to Real Madrid in 2009. GONZALO ARROYO MORENO/GETTY IMAGES

Champions League.
Play resumes following two-month break with match between Real Madrid and Manchester United

As a player who relishes being centre-stage, Cristiano Ronaldo will be in his element this week when the Champions League resumes with a blockbuster last-16 match between Real Madrid and Manchester United.

United transformed Ronaldo from a prodigiously talented yet hit-and-miss winger to one of football's most devastating goal scorers in his six years in the Premier League.

He has blossomed even further since his world-record transfer to Madrid in 2009, leaving United manager Alex Ferguson with the unenviable task of taming the player he nurtured into one of the world's most complete footballers.

Ferguson has been showering his former protege with praise in the buildup to Wednesday's match and, as a self-confessed regular watcher of Madrid's matches, will have seen Ronaldo score a 20th hat trick for the Spanish giants in a league win over Sevilla on Saturday.

"(Zinedine) Zidane was a fantastic player, (Luis) Figo was a fantastic player but not as good as Ronaldo," Fergsuon said, comparing Madrid greats of the past decade.

"He's beaten all the records there. He's beaten (Alfredo) Di Stefano, (Ferenc) Puskas, Hugo Sanchez, all their records. He is indelibly printed in their history now. Ronaldo is pivotal to everything they do."

After a two-month break, Europe's top competition returns with three other last-16 first legs this week — Celtic vs. Juventus and Valencia vs. Paris Saint-Germain on Tuesday, before Shakhtar Donetsk hosts Borussia Dortmund on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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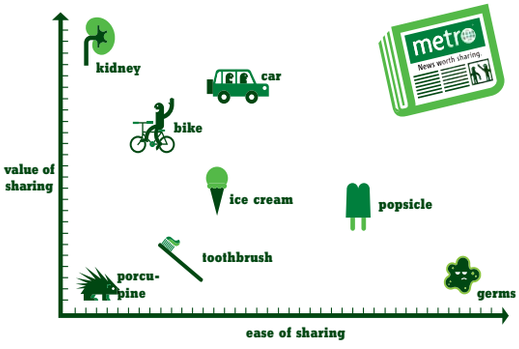

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Act with restraint today, even though someone you have dealings with deserves to be criticized. If you react too aggressively your words could have consequences you will not enjoy. Keep those sarcastic remarks to yourself.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
There is no point chasing after something too eagerly today, because the planets warn you are unlikely to catch up with it. Pretend you are not too bothered whether or not you get it – then you won't be disappointed.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You may be in the mood for fun and games (as usual) but those around you don't seem to be in the mood to play. How frustrating. Just this once it looks like you will have to entertain yourself.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone may try to intimidate you today but you must not let them see they are getting to you. Fortunately Cancers are very good actors, so make like you don't care and they will leave you alone.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A battle of wills is likely. What you want to do is at odds with what a loved one wants to do. So what is the answer? Go your own ways and do your own things. You don't have to do everything together.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Venus, planet of values, is linked to Saturn, planet of limitation, so most likely you will be prevented from doing something you want to do. By the end of the week you will realize it actually worked in your favor.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't waste time arguing about who thought of something first – you should be pulling together and making it work. It does not matter where ideas come from, it matters only what you do with them.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The important thing today is that you stay in control of your emotions. If you let other people get under your skin bad feelings could escalate quickly and there is no telling where you might end up. In the cells overnight?

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There are so many ideas running through your head that it's getting confusing. What you must do is sit down with a pen and notebook and write them all down. Only then can you start to make sense of your life.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Although you generally like things to stay as they are what happens today and over the coming week will remind you that nothing in life is permanent – and that's a good thing. Change works for you, so embrace it.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
If someone you are fond of is moody and uncommunicative today don't try to push them. Give them the space they need to work out their problems and by this time tomorrow they will be bubbling again.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A project you had high hopes for has not worked out so well, which is disappointing, but don't be too unhappy about it. What did it teach you? There is always something you can carry on to the next task.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

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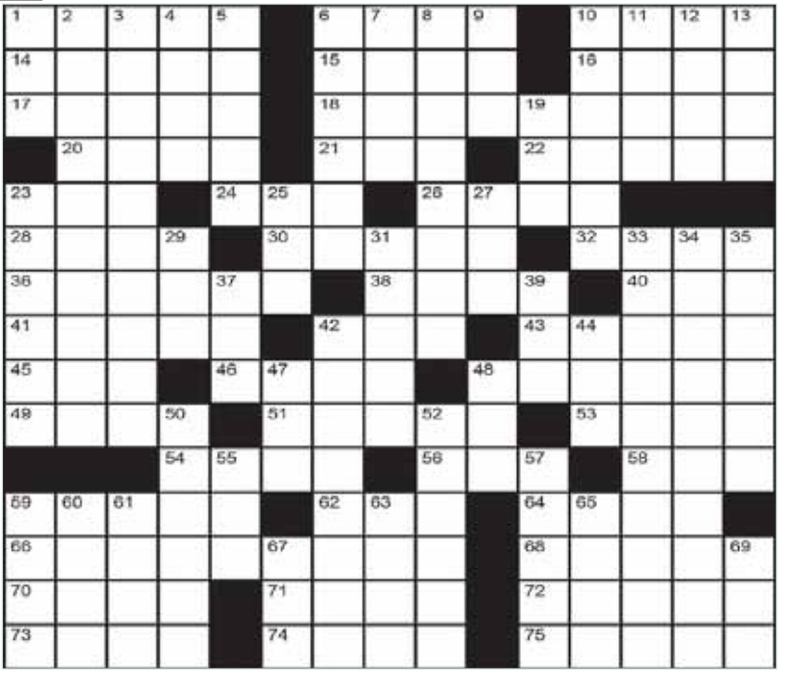
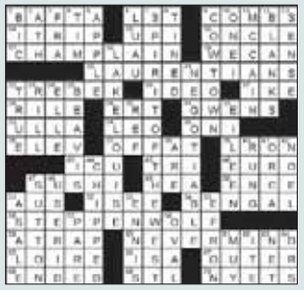


Across
1. Quebec's __ Peninsula
6. Vogue and People, for short
10. The Grapes of Wrath family
14. Three: French
15. Film director Mr. Petri
16. Greasy
17. Dazes
18. Nova Scotia university
20. FOX musical dramedy
21. Geog. feature
22. Apprehension
23. Nuke
24. "Making Plans for Nigel" band
26. Business subj.
28. Util. bill
30. "One __ (__ the Body)" by The Rolling Stones
32. Spheres
36. Woolly camel-like animal
38. Lawyers, for short
40. Granola bit
41. Cartoon skunk Pepe: 2 wds.
42. 'Advert' suffix
43. Beatrice Arthur sitcom
45. Metal-bearing mineral
46. Royal Canadian __
48. Quandary
49. Ms. Banks
51. West: French
53. Ex-ruler of Iran
54. Connect
56. Pas' partners
58. Duran Duran hit
59. "Hang Ten" singer
62. Moo __ pork (Takeout dish)
64. Coconut fibre
66. Northwest†Passage searcher, Sir Martin __
68. Mr. McDowall of movies
70. Ms. Hatcher
71. Territory
72. Close by, to a poet
73. Director Mr. Mendes, and others
74. Li'l instruments
75. Busey and Sinise

Down
1. Lettered Mustang cars
2. AGO = __ __ of Ontario
3. Albert Schultz is the Founding Artistic Director of this Toronto theatre company
4. Tree type
5. County in England
6. Renaissance family of influence
7. Regrettably
8. Razors brand
9. Fifth music note, variantly
10. Reporter, for short, Brit-style
11. Van Gogh's Bank of the __ at Auvers
12. Et __ (And others, in Latin)
13. Tinted
19. Prefix with 'meter'
23. Fanatic
25. 1996 Snoop Dogg album: '__ Doggfather'
27. Cottage bed
29. Flight simulators co. headquartered in Saint-Laurent, QC
31. Flavour
33. Saskatchewan player
34. Covering up with a hat reason: 3 wds.
35. Prefix to 'scope'
37. Uniquely-spelled mountain basin
39. Clothing sizes letters
42. Stone land marker of the Inuit to guide Arctic travellers
44. Three-toed sloths
47. Suffix to 'Opt'
48. Harper Valley, e.g.
50. Courtroom cover stories
52. Blue cartoon creatures
55. Pasta names suffix
57. Neck, slang-style
59. Terrestrial stage newts
60. Ms. de Matteo
61. Earth crawler
63. Present
65. Charlie Chaplin's last wife
67. Actor Mr. Townsend, to pals
69. 12-month periods

Friday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

	9	3					1	
5					6		4	
2			7		1	8		
	8			3		5		6
1		6		2			3	
		5	8		7			9
	3		9					8
	7					4	5	

Friday's Sudoku

1	4	3	5	6	7	2	8	9
6	7	9	3	8	2	1	4	5
5	8	2	1	4	9	7	3	6
3	9	7	4	1	8	5	6	2
4	1	5	2	3	6	8	9	7
8	2	6	9	7	5	3	1	4
2	5	4	8	9	3	6	7	1
9	6	8	7	5	1	4	2	3
7	3	1	6	2	4	9	5	8

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